



Brian Marcel Daniels

March 9, 1970 - August 3, 2022

BRIAN'S LIFE AND LEGACY

A Time to be Born

Brian Marcel Daniels, “AKA” Boo Bear (by his wife), was born on March 9, 1970 in Long Branch, New Jersey. He was the oldest of five children born to Ira and Tisharra Smith.

A Time to Live

Brian was the host of Afternoon Jazz on WESM 91.3FM, and the station’s longtime programming specialist. In 2000, he answered an on-air call for new radio personalities; he started as a part-time employee and offered a full-time position in 2004. His voice would become the constant presence on the airwaves, as a show host, a voice of underwriting and community PSAs, and special segments like the UMES Minute.

Those who knew Brian, understood that “he was a true professional, deeply committed to public radio and to WESM,” said Gerry Weston, Delmarva Public Media’s General Manager. “He was so incredibly passionate about his work, his community, and presenting jazz to his listeners.”

During his free time, he was a huge sci-fi and fantasy fan. He loved aviation, video games, film scores, and countless musicians, ranging from Stevie

Wonder and Charlie Parker to Gregory Porter and John Coltrane.

He will be missed immeasurably by the entire Delmarva Public Media family.

A Time to Love

Brian would meet the love of his life, Shalewa Stevens, at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in January 1991. They would later marry on March 25, 2000 and would become inseparable for 22 years.

A Time to Mourn

Brian was preceded into death by maternal grandmother, Minnie Daniels, Red Bank, NJ, paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Colbert of Long Branch, NJ and his brother Isaac Ira Smith, father-in-law, Michael X. Stevens, brother-in-law, Vernon Brown, Sr.

A Time to Cherish

Brian leaves to cherish in his memory of Salisbury Maryland: his wife, Mrs. Shalewa Daniels; his parents, Mr. Ira and Mrs. Tisharra Smith; his brothers, Elijah Smith (Maria) of Miami, Florida and Ishmael Smith (Allison) of Baltimore, Maryland; his sister, Lori Sharrieff Smith Brown of Salisbury, Maryland; his mother and father-in-law, Mr. Donald and Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart of Morganza, Maryland; brother-in laws, Michael Roberson (Medaney), Maryland; two nieces, Makielah and Madison Roberson; three, aunt Doreen Goode, Lori Owens and Brenda Dukes, one uncle Dennis Daniels and a host of family and friends.

Sorrowfully Submitted ~ The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

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Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

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Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the family from classmate Erica Nichols*

Erica Nichols - August 15, 2022 at 02:58 PM

Valerie Chamberlain

“ *Valerie Chamberlain lit a candle in memory of Brian Marcel Daniels*



Valerie Chamberlain - August 14, 2022 at 11:31 AM

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“ *Rest Peacefully Nephew. I Love you! xoxo*

Lori Daniels-Owens - August 10, 2022 at 10:08 AM

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Rest in peace Brian. You're truly missed!

Salimah Shakoor-Harrell - September 14, 2022 at 02:15 PM

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“ *My heart aches to hear this news. I am sending my sincere condolences for your loss. May God help you get through this difficult time and ease your pain. Virginia Heath/UMES*

Virginia Heath - August 08, 2022 at 03:12 PM